

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 11-14, and 16-21 are pending. Claims 1, 10, and 15 have been canceled, claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 16, and 17 have been amended, and claims 18-21 have been added.

The indication that claims 2-4, 6-9, and 11-14 would be allowable if suitably amended is gratefully acknowledged. Those claims have been so amended by this paper, which has canceled claims 1 and 10, amended claims 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 12 into independent form, and adjusted the dependency of claim 5. In addition, claim 15 has been canceled and the dependencies of claims 16 and 17 have been changed to allowable claim 2. Further, new claims 18-21 have been added that parallel allowable claim 4.

Claims 1, 5, 10, and 15-17 were rejected on various grounds, but those rejections have been rendered moot by this Amendment, which has canceled claims 1, 10, and 15, and adjusted the dependencies of claims 5, 16, and 17 such that those claims depend on allowable claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions, the undersigned attorney may be telephoned at the number given below.

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